REMARKS:

The claims in the application are 3-11, 21, 22 and 24-26.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

amended to depend either directly or indirectly from one of these two

It is explicitly stated in the Final Office Action Claims 3, 8, 11 and 23 would be allowed if amended into appropriate independent form.

Accordingly, Claims 3 and 8 have been so amended herein, with all other claims

independent claims.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks and explicit statements in the Final Office Action, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A petition for an automatic two month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate, together with the requisite petition fee.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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